

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) within the Rivanna River Basin in Albemarle, Greene, and Orange Counties. An 11.16 mile segment of the Rivanna River was listed on the 2006 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the state's general (benthic) standard for aquatic life. A smaller 5.28 mile segment was also listed as impaired due to violations of the state's water quality standard for bacteria. In addition, tributaries to the Rivanna River including the North Fork Rivanna River, Preddy Creek, Meadow Creek, Mechums River, and Beaver Creek were also listed as impaired due to violations of the state's water quality standard for bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. DEQ has developed TMDLs to address each of the impairments listed below:

- **Rivanna River**, benthic impairment, 11.16 miles from North and South Fork Rivanna confluence to unnamed tributary below Glenmore Sewage Treatment Plant;
- **Rivanna River**, bacterial impairment, 5.28 miles from North and South Fork Rivanna confluence to Moores Creek;
- **North Fork Rivanna River**, bacterial impairment, 10.38 miles from North Fork Rivanna River public water intake to South Fork Rivanna confluence;
- **Preddy Creek**, bacterial impairment, 25.96 miles from its headwaters to confluence with the North Fork Rivanna River;
- **Meadow Creek**, bacterial impairment, 4.01 miles from its headwaters to confluence with the Rivanna River;
- **Mechums River**, bacterial impairment, 10.44 miles from Lickinghole Creek to confluence with

Moormans River;

- **Beaver Creek**, bacterial impairment, 4.80 miles from its headwaters to Beaver Creek Reservoir.

DEQ is soliciting public comment on the draft TMDL reports to address these impairments. The draft reports will be available for review and download from the DEQ website at:

[http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl\\_draft\\_reports.cfm](http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_draft_reports.cfm) beginning on or before February 11, 2008.

The final public meeting on the development of these TMDLs will be held on **Monday, February 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m.** at the Albemarle County 5<sup>th</sup> Street Office Building, Room 100, 1600 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Charlottesville, VA. In the event of inclement weather on the designated meeting date, the meeting will be moved to February 25 at 7:00 p.m. The decision to postpone the meeting will be determined by the Albemarle County School schedule. If Albemarle County Schools are closed or close early on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be postponed to the alternate date.

The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on March 12, 2008. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail [mbrent@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:mbrent@deq.virginia.gov).